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January 11, 1996

Mr. Vernon Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
12th & Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recording with the Surface Transportation Board is a Termination of Lease dated 12/31/95 which terminates a Lease of Railroad Equipment dated 10/21/93 between Helm Financial Corporation and Burlington Northern Railroad Co., STB/ICC Recordation #18797.

Please record this agreement as a secondary document to STB/ICC Recordation #18797. The filing fee of \$21 is enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Mary A Oster*

Mary Ann Oster  
Research Consultant

Enclosure

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Mary Ann Oster  
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Dear Madam:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of  
the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 11303, on 1/11/96 at 9:30AM , and  
assigned recordation number(s). 18797-A.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

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TERMINATION OF LEASE

THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ("Termination") is made as of January 8, 1996 by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor").

1. Recitals. Lessor entered into the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of October 21, 1993 (the "Lease") with BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, with respect to the one hundred fifteen (115) railcars described in Schedule A attached hereto (the "Units"). The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") under STB Recordation Number 18797 filed on May 4, 1994 at 2:30 PM.

The Lease was terminated on December 31, 1995. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

2. Termination. The Lease is hereby formally terminated.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination of Lease to be signed in its corporate name on the date indicated below its signature.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

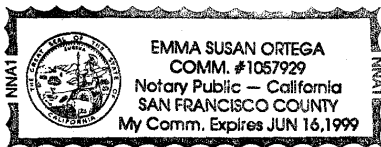
By: *John J. Davis*  
Title: Senior Vice President & CFO  
Date: 8 January 1996

STATE OF CALIFORNIA           )  
  ) S.S.  
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO    )

On January 8, 1996, before me, Emma S. Ortega  
personally appeared John F. Dains, Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer of HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION,

— personally known to me -OR-

— proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the  
person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within  
instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the  
same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by  
his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or  
the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed  
the instrument.



Witness my hand and official seal.

Emma Susan Ortega  
SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

## SCHEDULE A

### Description of the Units:

One hundred fifteen (115), 100-ton, rotary coupled, 4000 cubic foot Bethgon Coalporter gondola railcars built in 1984 by Bethlehem Steel.

### Unit Numbers:

HLMX 150000-150004, 150006-150048, 150050-150062, 150064,  
150066-150069, 150071-150093, 150095-150098, 150102-150112,  
150114-150115, 150117-150126